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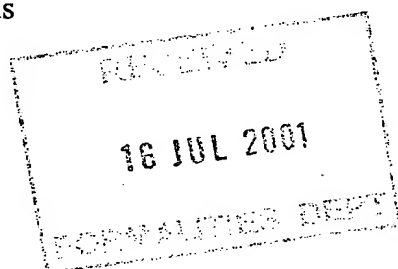
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Application No: GB 0023584.6

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Dear Sirs

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I enclose two copies of my search report and two copies of the citations.

Plurality of invention

I consider that your application relates to more than one invention as follows:

1. Claims 1-47 characterised by the archiving information
2. Claims 48-59 characterised by the automatic identification of another item

My search report relates to the first invention only. If you want the other invention searched, you should file a further Patents Form 9/77.

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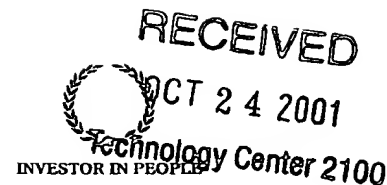
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Yours faithfully

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Databases searched:

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Documents considered to be relevant:

Category	Identity of document and relevant passage	Relevant to claims
X	EP 0637807 A2 (RANK XEROX) See whole document	1,2,4,7- 12,14- 19,21,24- 27,29-47
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